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Iowa Board of Parole Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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The following actions have been taken by the Iowa Board of Parole Chair in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Iowa Code Section 904A and the Governor's Proclamation issued on March 20, 2020 which can be found [here](#).

Board of Parole Office Information

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020 at 11am, the Iowa Board of Parole office is closed. The Board of Parole and its staff will continue to work remotely, interviews will begin to be conducted telephonically on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

For individuals who wish to attend an Iowa Board of Parole interview, please visit the Iowa Board of Parole website <https://bop.iowa.gov> to find out how to attend hearings via telephone.

Board of Parole Operations

The Board is prepared to maintain the schedule of parole hearings and reviews at present. Efforts will be made to the best of our ability to accommodate additional requests for consideration for release by the Iowa Department of Corrections.

Board action on executive clemency applications which include commutations, pardons, and firearm restorations, have been suspended until further notice.

For individuals who wish to call or email with concerns about a loved one and the impact of COVID-19, please be aware that we have limited authority to discuss some matters and depending on the situation the Board of Parole may have limited ability to take any action as this emergency does not expand our ability to take action on behalf of incarcerated individuals.

Revocation Hearings

Revocation hearings have continued and efforts are being made to accommodate additional requests for hearings from Community-Based-Corrections (CBC) staff. Collaboration is ongoing with CBC leadership and local law enforcement to continue to conduct hearings while reducing risk of exposure.

Our goal during the COVID-19 pandemic is to protect the health of our staff and family members while continuing to perform our duties to offenders, victims, and the public as efficiently and effectively as possible.